

Dear Senators Burtenshaw, Hart, Taylor, and
Representatives Mendive, Shepherd, Galaviz:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the
Department of Fish and Game:

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in
Idaho-Adopted/Amended Proclamations for Calendar Year 2026 (P5) (Docket No.
13-0000-2600P).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the
cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research
and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative
Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 09/18/2026. If a meeting is
called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis
from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 10/16/2026.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a
proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement,
and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has
been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the
memorandum attached below.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee

FROM: Legislative Drafting Attorney - Alli Olson

DATE: September 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho- Adopted/Amended Proclamations for Calendar Year 2026 (P5) (Docket No. 13-0000-2600P)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Department of Fish and Game submits notice that at a special meeting on May 29, 2026, the Fish and Game Commission amended its 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing proclamation to make in-season adjustments based on the harvest matrix tables approved by the Commission in the South Fork Salmon River. The Department also submits notice that at its quarterly meeting on July 16, 2026, the Commission took the following actions:

- (1) Adopted a proclamation setting the 2026-2027 sage-grouse hunting season and tag limits;
- (2) Adopted a proclamation for 2027 total nonresident participation in general hunts within certain elk zones and deer units, and set aside outfitter tags and allocated tags for outfitted hunter use within those zones and units; and
- (3) Amended the summer and fall Chinook Salmon proclamation to revise bag and possession limits in the South Fork Salmon, Snake, Lower Salmon, Mainstem Clearwater, Middle Fork Clearwater, North Fork Clearwater, and South Fork Clearwater Rivers.

Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Not applicable.

Statutory Authority

Section 36-104, Idaho Code, grants the Commission authority to adopt proclamations establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, provides that the Commission and Department shall be excepted from rulemaking requirements when adopting, repealing, or amending any proclamation related to the setting of various seasons and limits if notice of the proposed action is published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, notice is promptly given to the Legislative Services Office for

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review by the germane joint subcommittee, and the proclamation is published and distributed without charge to the public. Those requirements have been satisfied.

cc: Department of Fish and Game
Amber Worthington

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
ESTABLISHING SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING IN IDAHO
DOCKET NO. 13-0000-2600P5
NOTICE OF ADOPTED / AMENDED PROCLAMATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

AUTHORITY: As authorized by Idaho Code Section [36-104](#), and in compliance with Idaho Code Section [36-105\(3\)](#) the Commission adopts proclamations establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho.

AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL PROCLAMATIONS: Hunters, anglers, and trappers are advised to consult the text of the Commission’s official proclamation before hunting, fishing, or trapping. All proclamations are available on-line at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules>, with print versions available at Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE: The Commission meeting schedule and meeting agendas are available on-line at [Commission Meeting Schedule](#), with opportunities for public comment generally scheduled at its January, March, May, July, and November meetings. Before adopting changes to major proclamations, the Department generally provides opportunities for public scoping (gathering of ideas and opinions from the public) and public comment on proposed changes to proclamations. Opportunities to comment are available online at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/comment>.

Information for Commission proclamations for calendar year 2026 was initially published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, February 4, 2026, Bulletin [Volume 26-2, pages 12-13](#).

On July 7, 2026, the Commission took the following proclamation action:

1. Amended its proclamation for 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing making in-season adjustments based on the harvest matrix tables approved by the Commission in the South Fork Salmon River.

At a July 16, 2026, quarterly meeting the Commission took the following proclamation actions:

1. Adopted a proclamation setting the 2026-2027 sage-grouse hunting season and tag limits;
2. Adopted limits for total nonresident participation for 2027 for general hunts in certain elk zones and deer units, set aside outfitter tags, and allocated tags for outfitted hunter use in these zones and units for 2027;
3. Amended its summer and fall Chinook Salmon bag and possession limits in the South Fork Salmon, Snake, Lower Salmon, Mainstem Clearwater, Middle Fork Clearwater, North Fork Clearwater, and South Fork Clearwater Rivers.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on technical questions concerning proclamations, contact Owen Moroney at (208) 334-3715.